

# Recipe for Play Dough



## What you need:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cooking oil
- 2 cups of water
- Food coloring
- Vanilla extract
- Saucepan
- Straws to stick in the dough
- Objects to make impressions with, such as cookie cutters

## What to Do:

To make play dough:

1. Add the food coloring to the water. Then mix all of the ingredients together in a pan.
2. Cover over medium heat, stirring until it forms a soft ball.
3. Let the mixture cool. Rub and press slightly. Add vanilla extract to different chunks of the dough.

Caution: Adult supervision is needed.

## Q&A

### Question

Parents hear a lot about kindergarten "readiness," but what does it really mean? How do I know if my child is "ready?" How does anyone know?

### Answer

Being "ready" for kindergarten means your child is able to learn comfortably with teachers and other children in the classroom. A child needs to learn the skills, information, and attitudes that are necessary to interact and get along with others. When parents think about kindergarten readiness, they sometimes focus too much on academics. The skills that define readiness are more than knowing letters, numbers, and how to count. To be ready for kindergarten, a child needs to have a positive attitude about starting school, some understanding of why he or she is there, and be receptive to learning new things and making new friends. The best way to know what will be expected in kindergarten is to contact the school your child will attend, and speak to the teachers.

## Crafty Corner

### Photo Timeline

- Making a timeline with photos of important moments can help your child understand special events that shape their personalities.
- You will need photos of birthdays, family events, parents, relatives or friends.
- Glue, string and paper

### Instructions

- Take the photos and glue them onto a piece of paper. Poke holes in the paper. String yarn through the holes. String the pictures next to each other in a sequence of events. Point to the pictures and say what is on the photo. Ex: "Your first birthday" or "You riding your bike."

